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REPLY TO  
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as

Honorable William E. Colby  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

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Dear Mr. Colby:

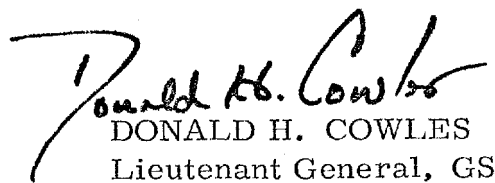
On behalf of General Abrams, I would like to invite you to join him for a discussion of broad strategic matters and for lunch on 12 October 1973. The discussion will feature broad long-range planning issues being considered on the Army Staff as well as provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas among selected senior representatives of Defense, State, and CIA.

The discussion will begin in the Army Operations Center, Augmentation Room 3, the Pentagon, at 1000 hours. We propose to start with a provocative presentation that addresses the following questions:

- a. What are the conditions of future change (trends, needs, realities) in the world as they affect vital U.S. interests?
- b. What are the likely interactions of other major powers and non-major powers in the future?
- c. What are the major policy issues ahead and what are the alternative choices for consideration?
- d. What should be the role of the military in the range of possible national policy decisions ahead and the alternative choices if any?

Following the discussion, General Abrams will host a luncheon in the Secretary of the Army's mess. The two-hour session in the morning should stimulate discussion during lunch. We hope you can join us and contribute to this important dialogue. LTC Sink, Extension 55071, is the Army point of contact and will assist you as necessary.

Sincerely,

  
DONALD H. COWLES  
Lieutenant General, GS  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
for Military Operations

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